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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated May 23, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 19 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Claim 1. (Amended) A photothermographic material comprising at least (a) a photosensitive silver halide, (b) a silver salt of an organic acid, (c) a reducing agent and (d) a hydrophobic and thermoplastic organic binder on a support; and a heat-fusible solvent that is solid at an ordinary temperature and can be fused at a heat development temperature wherein the heat-fusible solvent is in a layer other than the image forming layer.